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Politics in the District of Columbia. Talk About a New Presidential Mansion—Secretary Long's Joke. The Clark Case.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—[Special.]—Once in four years the citizens of the District of Columbia have an opportunity to vote. The privilege extends only to the election of delegates to a convention, which, in turn, elects delegates to the national conventions. This is not a serious duty, but nearly every voter claiming a residence here takes advantage of the opportunity and casts his vote quadruply. The Republicans send two and the Democrats six delegates to the national conventions. There are an equal number of alternates. It is observed that these contests are generally attended with all the interest and excitement that usually occur in primaries, where the citizens subsequently vote at elections for officers. The contests for leadership, for delegates and for membership of the national committees are more intense than in many of the states. The parties in the District of Columbia also declare for home rule to the extent of having the offices given to men who have here rather than to men from the states. This home rule plank usually gets into the platform, but it is not always carried out, and oftentimes places are given to men who have been prominent in the parties in far-off states. The struggle to be national delegates and the activity in local politics have behind them, besides the natural desire of men to participate in affairs, the hope that such activity and prominence may possibly result in recognition when the new administration comes into power.

The Shipping Bill.
This bill is now before the senate as a party measure, being reported from the committee on commerce by a party vote. There were ten Republican votes for it besides Jones of Nevada, who votes with his old party on most questions, though opposing it upon the financial question. Five Democrats voted against the bill in committee; one, Turner, who is a fusionist, but acts with the Democrats on almost every issue. In bringing the bill out of committee with a solid Republican vote there is an indication that it is to be passed during this session of congress, and, in fact, its friends say that they intend to put it through. In the house committee there is still a division of sentiment among the Republicans, but it is said that before the bill gets over from the senate an agreement on some compromise measure will be reached.

New White House Talk.
Senator Depew has revived the talk about the necessity for a new White House or at least a new home for the president of the United States. "When I came to Washington first," said Senator Depew, "when Lincoln was president, the present structure was large enough. I was secretary of state of New York, and my visits were official, having much business to transact concerning the soldiers of the state. Being often in the White House, I had an opportunity to observe, and my recollections of the conditions then and now show what a great change has taken place. The business of the executive has increased very largely, and the office room now encroaches upon the private or family rooms of the executive mansion. The president is obliged to have his working room and library in what were formerly bedrooms, and he gives his state dinners in a hall." Senator Depew's observations coincide with those of every other person who has business at the White House or attends the social functions which a due regard for precedents and dignity of the position require. Depew may formulate a plan for a new presidential mansion, leaving the present White House for a business office.

Secretary Long's Humor.
The secretary of the navy perpetrated a little joke on the senate the other day. A resolution was passed calling for the report of Paymaster W. B. Wilcox upon an expedition made by him through the island of Luzon. The secretary had clipped from The Congressional Record a copy of the report and sent it to the senate drawing attention to the fact that the resolution calling for the report was passed Feb. 21, and the clipping which he enclosed was printed in full in The Record of Feb. 9. Those who know Secretary Long can understand how grimly he smiled when he sent that cutting back to the senate.

Seizing the End.
The interesting Clark case from Montana is nearing the end, but the interest is unabating. Crowds still throng the committee room, hoping something sensational may occur. While Senator Clark is still an object of great interest, there is yet a greater curiosity to see the other famous mining millionaire of Montana, Marcus Daly, and his appearance about the committee room caused a craning of necks.

"I am," "would come," said Clark, "as the efficient clerk of the committee, coming out of the committee room. I have been expecting it."

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every day since the case began." His earnest manner and serious countenance caught a squad of anxious newspaper men, who thought some sensation had been developed. "What is it?" they asked eagerly. Johnson replied, "Some one in that crowd has had his hat stolen—one of the visitors—and he wants the committee to restore it."

ARTHUR W. DUNN.
Successful Women.

The women who succeed are those who go to their work with a determination born of courage and positive conviction and whose energies are absolutely tireless. It is true they are often not so well paid for the same work as men, but that is one of the mistakes of the day that is most important for every one to know is that there is no sex in brains. Those who fail are usually those who expect too much and presume on account of their being women. There is plenty of work and money, too, for the sharp woman who will fight every difficulty in her way. Everybody loves a fighter, whether it be man or woman, fighters who see nothing but success at the other end of the long road, fighters who believe in themselves and their efforts and who plan their daily battles as a general plans a campaign, fighters who are brave, above board and generous in the struggle. These are the heroines of daily life, and they command respect and respect by thoroughly deserving it.—New York Telegram.

A Cardinal's Views.

Cardinal Gibbons, in a sermon on "The Christian Woman," said: "I regard woman's rights women and society leaders as the worst enemies of the female sex. They rob woman of all that is amiable and gentle and give her nothing in return but masculine boldness and brazen effrontery. They are habitually preaching about woman's rights and prerogatives, and have not a word to say about her duties and responsibilities. Under the influence of such teachers we find woman neglecting her household duties, gadding about, never feeling at home except when she is abroad. She chafes and frets under the restraint and responsibility of domestic life. Her afflicted husband comes home to find home empty or occupied by a woman whose heart is void of affection for him. There arise disputes, quarrels, estrangements, and the last act in the drama is often divorce."

PAINTERS AND WRITERS.

Charles Duran is to pay another visit to the United States next summer, when, according to the Paris papers, he will paint a portrait of William Dean Howells.

Reports of Munkeasy's failing health are denied by his wife, who says he is improving; that he always recognizes her, but that he cannot be roused out of his apathy.

Despite the eastern flavor of some of his verse, T. B. Aldrich does not know any oriental language. He is at present, however, studying Persian with a view to a translation of Omar Khayyam.

THE OYSTER SEASON.
The oyster in his bed of ooze, Waked with a start from his summer sleep, Opened his shell, and said, with a yawn: "I fear that our season of safety is gone. For my pleasant dreams were disturbed by the jar That is always caused by the letter R. And I know by the feel of that hideous sleep That some of us shortly will be in the soup!" And so they will, for the sloop was filled with the finest and fattest. This sloop was sent out by Nick Apostle and these choice oysters are now for sale, done or raw, ready to chew, at his restaurant. You can get them by the plate, dozen, hundred, barrel, dray load, wagon load or car load. Owing to the rush of business the serving of regular meals will be discontinued after this week, but special orders will be served at any hour of the day or night.

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The bachelor, however, grows more wary year by year. He was older in 1898 than in 1897 when he fell into the toils. The average bachelor was married in 1897 at 26.39 years of age, quite .05 less. The girl, too, has to wait longer now than she used to. She was .05 of a year younger in 1897 when she became a wife than in 1898. As for the people who marry as minors, they are rapidly becoming a vanished number, among men at least. Eighty-four out of every 1,000 husbands in 1874 were married under the age of 21, and so were 227 out of every 1,000 women. The boy husbands have come down to 51 per 1,000 now; the girl wives have

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dropped to 170 per 1,000. There have not been so few boy and girl marriages at any time since 1851.

Of the total marriages of 1898, 42,751 persons were minors. Of these, there were 2 girls, 14 years; 10, 15 years; 158, 16 years; 5 boys, 16 years; 664 boys, 17 years; 1,190 girls, 17 years, and 3,303 boys and 6,294 girls 18 years. Over 18 the girl wives run into the tens of thousands, and actually nearly 19,000 youths of 20 years were married.

There has been a decided slump in widowers and widows of late. In 1871 138 husbands and 100 wives in every 1,000 were widowers and widows respectively. Things have changed since then. There were but 98 widowers and 69 widows in every 1,000 marriages in 1898. The widower, by the way, is more obviously dangerous to the susceptible heart of the opposite sex than the widow. It is to be noted, however, that when the widow selects a bachelor as a husband she takes a man nearly two years her junior; when she chooses a widower, her husband is nearly five years older than herself.—St. Louis Republic.

Who is Vice President?
This question, which a subscriber asks, has probably puzzled many other persons. There is no vice president of the United States. When Vice President Hobart died, the office became vacant and will remain so until March 4 next year.

But the succession to the presidency is carefully provided for. If President McKinley should die, the secretary of state, whoever he may be, will, if eligible to the presidency, at once qualify as president.

If for any reason the office of secretary of state should be vacant in such an emergency or its incumbent be as yet unconfirmed by the senate or under impeachment or not constitutionally eligible to election as president, the succession would pass to the secretary of the treasury, and so on through the cabinet in an appointed order.

Prior to 1886, when the present law regulating the succession was passed, the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives were next in order of succession to the presidency.—Youth's Companion.

Unexpected Defense.
Judge—Have you anything to say before the sentence is passed?
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No. 6.	No. 2.	No. 1.	No. 8.
12:45 noon	11:30 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	5:00 a.m.
2:15 p.m.	12:55 night	2:45 p.m.	2:55 a.m.
4:12 p.m.	3:05 a.m.	Arrive Mobile	12:58 noon
8:30 p.m.	7:40 a.m.	Arrive New Orleans	1:55 a.m.
1:00 p.m.	6:10 a.m.	Arrive Montgomery	11:20 a.m.
6:50 a.m.	7:30 p.m.	Arrive Nashville	2:21 a.m.
12:25 noon	1:30 a.m.	Arrive Louisville	9:12 p.m.
4:05 p.m.	7:05 a.m.	Arrive Cincinnati	5:45 p.m.

BETWEEN PENSACOLA AND JACKSONVILLE.

No. 21.	No. 2.	No. 1.	No. 22.
12:55 night	7:00 a.m.	11:30 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
4:05 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
4:05 a.m.	9:25 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	2:50 p.m.
4:05 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	1:55 p.m.
4:05 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	12:55 p.m.
4:05 a.m.	12:25 noon	5:45 p.m.	10:20 a.m.
4:05 a.m.	1:25 p.m.	4:45 p.m.	9:20 a.m.
4:05 a.m.	2:25 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	8:20 a.m.

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NO INDICATIONS OF PEACE

Boers Are Apparently Rallying to Repair Temporary Reverses—Rumors That the Conference Is Looking Forward to Peace Negotiations.

LONDON, March 3.—President Kruger is said to have left Pretoria with the intention of meeting President Steyn. The place where they will meet is not mentioned, but is believed to be somewhere in the Orange Free State.

Those in South Africa who are conversant with the effect the recent reverses have had on the Boers express the opinion that the meeting of the two presidents is preliminary to a suggestion of negotiations for peace.

But if this is the case, it must be due to the pressure brought to bear upon the presidents by the burghers and Afrikaners in the British colonies rather than in the personal inclinations of the presidents, as all the available information depicts them as being as determined as ever to persist in the war until the resources of the republic are much more enfeebled than they seem to be at present, although some significance is attached to the consultation in view of the reported visit to England of Chief Justice Davliars, Mr. Homier and Dr. Tewater, ostensibly on private business and for their health.

But the closest observers do not anticipate any sudden cessation of hostilities, and certainly the reports from the theater of war do not tend to encourage the advocate of immediate peace. The Boers are apparently rallying with their accustomed ability to repair a temporary reverse, and Great Britain has yet to test their force as a defensive power under the new conditions of warfare.

Conspiracy in Brazil.

NEW YORK, March 3.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio Janeiro says information has reached that city that armed British forces in Brazilian territory, near Rio Branco, have hoisted a British flag. The authorities arrested some persons suspected of conspiracy against the government. Several officers of the army and navy are among the suspects.



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